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GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL

VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IT, EEC

SUBJECT: CSCE: MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION

REF: BONN 5836

1. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BRIEF MEETING APRIL 10 BEFORE HE  
LEFT TOWN FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS WE RAISED WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR  
DUCCI THE PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR A CSCE  
DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN. DRAWING ON DEPARTMENTAL  
GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S REMARKS (DEPTEL  
67462) WE POINTED OUT THAT UNITED STATES HAD BOTH PROCEDURAL  
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AND SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIONS TO THE ITALIAN EFFORT. AS DUCCI WAS

AWARE WE DID NOT REPEAT NOT LIKE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL HAD SURFACED. DUCCI CLAIMED THAT OUR PEOPLE IN GENEVA WERE WELL AWARE OF WHAT THE ITALIANS WERE PLANNING EVEN BEFORE THE DRAFT WAS CIRCULATED. THE DCM POINTED OUT TO DUCCI THAT WHATEVER HE MIGHT THINK, WE DID NOT CONSIDER THIS KIND OF EXCHANGE CONSULTATION AND THIS EXAMPLE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR A SERIOUS ORGANIC CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM. THE CONVERSATION THEN WENT INTO A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE CONSULTATION PROBLEM.

2. TURNING TO THE SUBSTANCE WE REFERRED TO THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT AT HELSINKI AND THE DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES OF DRAGGING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTIES IN A MAJOR WAY AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME. DUCCI SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW OUR POSITION WAS MORE VALID SOME MONTHS AGO BUT NOW THAT COMPROMISES HAD BEEN ACHIEVED FOR ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES IN CSCE THIS MATTER NOW SHOULD NOT CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN CONCLUDING THE CONFERENCE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE ADDED THAT THE SOVIETS COULD BE DEPENDED ON TO OPPOSE THE DECLARATION IMPLYING THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES TO OPPOSE. DUCCI SAID THAT HE HAD NOT FOLLOWED THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY IN GENEVA VERY CLOSELY (DUCCI HAS BEEN INJURED AND OUT OF THE OFFICE LATELY). IN CONCLUSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS MATTER MIGHT BE DISCUSSED BY THE EC-9 POLITICAL COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK AND WE WANTED THE ITALIANS TO BE CLEAR THAT WE HAD SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THIS DECLARATION. VOLPE

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